

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for presenting presence information to a first user, comprising:

storing profile information associated with a second user, with the second user's profile requiring a password to access the profile information;

translating the second user's profile information into a code number;

exchanging the second user's code number and password with the first user, thus allowing the first user to access the second user's profile information;

receiving a request to initiate contact with the second user;

retrieving the second user member's code number and using the code number as a pointer to retrieve the second user's profile information;

retrieving an availability of a plurality of contact devices associated with the second user, with each contact device having an interval of time at which the second user is available to receive communications at each contact device;

retrieving presence information of the second user indicating the second user's presence at the [[a]] plurality of contact devices ~~by querying at least one of i) a provider to determine the presence information and ii) a contact device to determine the presence information; and~~

providing a graphical user interface that lists the second user's availability and presence information according to a current time and day, such that only the second user's available contact device at the current time and day is presented

~~sending a location request message to a home location register associated with the second user;~~

~~receiving a response to the location request message that indicates availability; and~~

~~presenting the second user's presence information to the first user, the presence information indicating the second user's presence at the plurality of contact devices.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving authorization to present the second user's presence information to the first user.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving the presence information comprises retrieving presence information for a plurality of addresses that represent at least one of different types of communications and different types of contact devices.
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7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein presenting the second user's presence information comprises presenting the presence information in an electronic interface via at least one of a computer and a telephone.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving the presence information is at least in part determined based on a time or a day of week preference from the second user's profile information.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting a graphical indicator that indicates the second user's presence at the plurality of contact devices.
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12. (Currently Amended) A system for presenting presence information to a sender of a communication, comprising:

an input for receiving presence information of a recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact devices; and

a processor coupled with the input, the processor storing profile information associated with the recipient, the recipient's profile requiring a password to access the profile, the processor translating the recipient's profile information into a code number, the processor associating the code number to a collection of code numbers for members of the communications circle when the password is authenticated, the processor declining to associate the recipient's code number to the communications circle when the password is not authenticated, the processor exchanging the recipient's code number and password with the sender members of the communications circle, thus allowing the sender to access the recipient's profile information, the processor receiving a request to initiate contact with the recipient, the processor retrieving the recipient's code number and using the code number as a pointer to retrieve the recipient's profile information,

the processor retrieving presence information of the recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact devices by querying i) a provider to determine the presence information and ii) a contact device to determine the presence information,

the processor sending a location request message to a home location register associated with the recipient, the processor receiving a response to the location request message that indicates availability of the plurality of contact devices associated with the recipient, with each contact device having an interval of time at which the recipient is available to receive communications at each contact device,

the processor providing a graphical user interface that lists the members of the communications circle and each member's availability and presence information at a plurality of contact devices according to a current time and day, such that only each member's available contact device at the current time and day is presented ~~the processor causing presentation of the recipient's presence information to the sender, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact addresses,~~

the processor receiving a selection from the sender that selects a contact address to which the communication is addressed, and the processor initiating the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact address.
15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.
16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates an electronic message to an email address.
17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor initiates an electronic message to a text messaging address.
18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor processes the recipient's presence information for display to the sender.
19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor presents a graphical indicator that indicates the recipient's presence at the plurality of contact addresses.
20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the processor causes display of an icon to initiate the communication from the sender to the address associated with the selected contact address.
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22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the selection from the sender is based on the presence information.
23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the input that receives the presence information receives a notification that the contact address is active.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing instructions for performing a method, the method comprising:

storing profile information associated with a recipient, the recipient's profile information requiring a password to access the profile;

translating the recipient's profile information into a code number;

exchanging the recipient's code number and password with a sender, thus allowing the sender to access the recipient's profile information;

receiving a request to initiate contact with the recipient;

retrieving the recipient's code number and using the code number as a pointer to retrieve the recipient's profile information;

retrieving an availability of a plurality of contact devices associated with the second user, with each contact device having an interval of time at which the second user is available to receive communications at each contact device;

retrieving presence information of the recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of addresses;

retrieving presence information of the recipient indicating the recipient's presence at the ~~[[a]]~~ plurality of contact devices by querying i) a provider to determine the presence information and ii) a contact device to determine the presence information; and

providing a graphical user interface that lists the second user's availability and presence information according to a current time and day, such that only the second user's available contact device at the current time and day is presented

~~sending a location request message to a home location register associated with the recipient;~~

~~receiving a response to the location request message that indicates availability;~~

~~presenting the recipient's presence information to the sender, the presence information indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of contact addresses;~~

~~receiving the communication from the sender, wherein the communication indicates a contact address selected by the sender to which the communication is sent; and~~

~~sending the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender.~~

25. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for sending a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact address.
26. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for sending an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.
27. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for sending an electronic message to an email address.
28. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for sending an electronic message to a text messaging address.
29. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for processing the recipient's presence information for display to the sender.
30. (Canceled)
31. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for presenting a graphical indicator that indicates the recipient's presence at the plurality of contact addresses.
32. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for causing display of an icon to initiate the communication from the sender to the contact address selected by the sender.
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34. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for receiving a notification that the contact address is active.
35. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, wherein the selection from the sender is based on the presence information.
36. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium according to clam 24, further comprising instructions for causing display of an icon to indicate presence at at least one of a phone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a computer, and an interactive television.
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43. (Previously Presented) An electronic interface providing presence information to a sender, the electronic interface comprising:

a communications section receiving a request to initiate contact with a recipient, the request causing a processor to retrieve the recipient's profile information and a password for accessing the profile information, the processor translating the recipient's profile information into a code number and to use the code number as a pointer to retrieve the recipient's presence information from the recipient's profile information, the processor associating the code number to a collection of code numbers for members of a communications circle when the password is authenticated, and the processor declining to associate the recipient's code number to the communications circle when the password is not authenticated, the processor exchanging the recipient's code number and password with the members of the communications circle to allow the sender to access the recipient's profile information, the processor retrieving an availability of a plurality of

contact devices associated with the recipient, with each contact device having an interval of time at which the recipient is available to receive communications at each contact device, the processor also retrieving presence information of the recipient indicating the recipient's presence at a plurality of addresses by querying i) a provider to determine the presence information and ii) a contact device to determine the presence information, the processor sending a location request message to a home location register associated with the recipient, the processor receiving a response to the location request message that indicates availability, the communications section displaying a list of the members of the communications circle and each member's availability and presence information at the plurality of contact addresses according to a current time and day, such that only each member's available contact device at the current time and day is presented; and

a contact section receiving a selection from the sender that selects a contact address to which a communication is addressed,

wherein receipt of the selection initiates sending the communication to a destination, wherein the destination of the communication is the contact address selected by the sender.

44. (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates a telephone call to a telephone number associated with the selected contact address.
45. (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates an Internet Telephony call from the sender to the recipient.
46. (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates an electronic message to an email address.
47. (Previously Presented) An electronic interface according to claim 42, wherein receipt of the selection initiates an electronic message to a text messaging address.